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The Lonely Grave in the State-house Grounds.

Within the State house grounds, beneath the shadow of an ancient oak, there stands a crumbling, moss-grown stone, marking the lonely grave of one whose name and memory have long since been forgotten. It is the last resting place of a valiant soldier, and far back, in days gone, reverent hands erected an iron fence around the sacred spot, that no sacrilegious foot might tread the soil above his tomb. The time-worn lock upon the gate bears on its rusting face an eagle, the symbol of the nation for whose independence this soldier fought.

The once stately oak, grim warder of the tomb, has for a century been faithful to its trust, and now, though its limbs are bare and dead, its trunk but a hollow shell, there grows from this withered giant a young branch, drooping just over the sacred and blackened stone festooned with fresh green leaves, as though the old tree would give its last strength in reverence to the dead o'er whom it has so long kept watch and ward.

For time out of mind this solitary grave has been a source of mystery in Columbia, and many legends have been told regarding it. No one, however, was able to decipher the almost illegible inscription borne by the crumbling, weather-beaten stone. After an hour's laborious study, I completed the task, and wrested from oblivion the name of one who deserves a better fate than the casual mystery which surrounds his tomb. Thus runs the legend on the monument:

Capt. Swinson Lumsford,

A native of Va.,

And for many years,

A resident of Columbia,

Died August 7, 1799.

Aged four and forty years.

He was a member of

Lee's Legion

in the eventful period

of '76.

This humble tribute to his

memory has been erected

by his only child,

Mrs. M. L. and her husband,

Dr. John Doughlass,

of Chester, S. C.

"Erected by his only child," So

runs the inscription, and with her

ded the name and memory of this

brave man, a captain in the famous

Lee's Legion of Virginia!

Enlisting as a youth to fight

freedom against the tyrannical op-

pression of the mother country,

rising by his valor and courage to a

Captain's commission while yet a

beardless boy, leading the gay roys-

tering life of a Virginia officer in the

continental army, he found his last

home in the lonely grave beneath

the gnarled old tree almost in the

shadow of the State house.

J. W. CHURCH.

A Story With a Moral.

Gen. M. C. Butler has written a

letter appearing the cotton-peg plan

of W. T. Bradley, Esq. As Abra-

ham Lincoln would say, "this re-

minds us of an incident." When

we went to Columbia during the

Darlington War to back Governor

Tillman, one day in company with

Hon. J. H. Morrah we stepped into

the Carolina National Bank where

we met Gen. Butler. He asked Mr.

Morrah how he got so fat and Mor-

rah answered that he had "plenty

to eat and a clear conscience" which

would make anybody fat. Gen.

Butler turning to us said: "Well you

will not get fat in a thousand years."

He evidently had in his mind some

of our Reform editorials.

The moral of this story is that

The Northern Cotton Mills.

The following excellent article, taken from the *Yorkville Freeman*, explains the situation in regard to Northern Cotton Mills:

The Fall River cotton factories are crumbling. They claim that the cotton mills of the South are getting ahead of them, and they will have to reduce the price of labor in order to keep running. Also that the hours of labor in the South are twelve a day against ten at Fall River and intimate that the Fall River will have to come up to the twelve hour limit, if the Massachusetts legislature can be induced to change the law relating to it. It is more likely that the Northern mills are after increasing dividends on their watered stock at the expense of the laborers in the mills, and their argument as to the hardships of the Northern mill owners is only a blind to deceive the operatives. So far as the daily hours are concerned, it is only a question of time until there will be legislation in the North reducing the mill working day from twelve to ten hours. Day after day, year in and year out, generation after generation, humanity cannot stand twelve hours in any climate. Not more than three generations could stand it before the fibre of life in the human frame would be worn to a frazzle. Such long continued toil produces mental inertia, breeds animosity that soon finds an open road to the grave through consumption. We hear much of "Chinas' tolling millions," of paganism, the heathen and idolatry in general, the reference without exception being to peoples beyond the sea, while they are all around us, in this land of boasted culture, pagans with souls so small that they cannot comprehend the meaning of so simple a thing as humanity, who know no God but greed, kind and just only where the basest self-interest plays a part, but who withal manage to hold on to many of the highest places in the State and in our churches and help send the missionaries into exile—far, far away. The hand of corruption and imposition has left its gangrenous touch not less upon the altars than upon the legislative bodies and business customs of the country.

May Defy the World.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Eli T. Sheppard, who has recently returned from China, where he held an official position, commenting upon the reported occupation of Kin Chau by Russia, said today: "Kin Chau is an important walled city (not an open port), at the head of the gulf of Lau Tung, and it commands the mouth of the river Yallo, where the great naval battle between the Japanese and Chinese was fought, and the other important rivers which flow into the gulf.

It is about equidistant between the mouth of the Yaloo river and the terminus of the great wall of China. It commands the railway station recently constructed from Tien Tsin to the capital of Manchuria, and is of pre-eminent importance as a strategic point. "The seizure of the port shows that Russia has practically taken possession of Korea, Manchuria and the gulf of Lau Tung and possesses a significance which will cause consternation among the diplomats in the old world. Its situation is such that its possession practically places Russia in a position to defy the world."—*Register*.

Merchants buy goods to sell. Farmers grow goods to sell. Merchants buy little of goods which do not sell at a profit. Farmers are growing most of the goods that do not sell at a profit. Merchants do not need to be urged to buy less of goods which do not pay. Why should farmers? Are not farmers as much alive to their own interests as merchants?—*Southern Farmer and Horticulturist*.

Next Year's Tax Levy.

The Comptroller General's department has been at work making estimates for the tax levy of next year when it lay before the legislature when it meets a concise statement of the exact conditions of affairs. The levy for the fiscal year, which closes on Jan. 1, is \$5,000,000, and from the present outlook the assessment will not be less than that for the next year, and may perhaps be slightly more. Of the fact that it will be no less, Comptroller General Epton seems assured.

The increase in the taxable property of the State of nearly \$3,000,000 will materially aid in keeping the assessment down. But while the State gains from this source, it loses the \$95,000 which the dispensary for the past two years paid annually into the treasury. The withdrawal of this source of revenue, supposing of course that the dispensary will be able to make that much more of the competition of the S. P. S., it will be seen much more than balance the increase in taxes.

The State treasurer managed to avoid having to borrow any funds during the summer, and in this particular the tax department is in better shape than for the past three or four years.

In the school fund of this year there was a deficit of \$60,000, which the comptroller general by law was required to raise by making a supplementary constitutional levy. Mr. Norton avoided this by waiting for the State dispensary to come to his aid. The dispensary did so to the extent of several thousand dollars, but it is practically certain that the remainder of the \$70,000 still due the school fund will not be paid this year from profits on whiskey. Should it not be, the legislature will have to say whether this deficit in the school fund shall be raised by an increase in the levy or not.

Blue and Gray.

The following is taken from the Worcester (Mass.) Gazette:

H. A. Johnson received today by express a box of delicious persimmons, from the hands of Capt. J. C. B. Smith, of Columbia, S. C., formerly of the Twelfth South Carolina Infantry. Accompanying this fruit was a collection of Southern holly, which the giver says, is the chief decorating evergreen used in the Southern States during the Christmas holidays. This is the second act of kindness Mr. Johnson has received from this ex-Confederate, by whose command he was unfortunate enough to be captured at the battle of the Wilderness. Twelve years later, in 1876, this southern soldier and gentleman, learning Mr. Johnson's northern address, voluntarily returned his sword, taken in battle, at the same time expressing regret that he had been unable to return it earlier. Such courtesies as these and the loyal sentiments uttered by such ex-Confederates as General Gordon do much to obliterate sectional lines, and are particularly appropriate on the approach of the Christmas holidays.

McKinney on the Situation.

Bill McKinney, of Greenwood, says that he has paid particular attention to the men who are holding these cotton growers' conventions. He says that mighty few of them ever hold a row of cotton in their lives. The next thing in order will be a convention of the refiners and men who have done the work. The merchants can do more to reduce the production of cotton than the farmers themselves. The size of the cotton crop is in proportion to the amount advanced to the men who work.—*Abbeville Medium*.

Hung Chang and Christianity.

Dr. Colman, missionary physician at Pekin, is the medical attendant of Li Hung Chang, and not long ago found his distinguished patient immersed in the perusal of the New Testament, a handsomely copy of which had just been sent to him by Rev. George Owen of the London mission. He asked Dr. Colman, whom he addressed in Chinese as Mau Tai Fu, if he really believed the book. He assured that he was true, he asked what the evidences were, an interrogation which the missionary met, eliciting from the great man the remark: "Why, believe that you would like me to turn Christian." Dr. Colman replied that it would be the best thing he could do, the same condition applying to the young emperor and his people. "We have Confucius," replied Li Hung. "You have Jesus. They are pretty much one thing."

Having admitted so much, and becoming really interested in his new Bible, the chance of his conversion, in the opinion of Dr. Colman, is not entirely hopeless, and would be the highest achievement of missionary endeavor since their work among the Chinese began.

Orr's Rifles at Gaines's Mill.

For years the government has been publishing the official records of the late war in which appears reports of battle, statistics, correspondence and tabulated statements. Glancing over one of the volumes the other day we came across the report of Gaines's Mill by Col. J. Foster Marshall. He commanded Orr's Rifles in that battle and gives a good account of the regiment's action on the field. The regiment carried into action 537 men. Of these 81 were killed, 234 wounded and 4 missing, making a total loss of 319 men. Col. Marshall reports that after the battle there were found in front of where the regiment fought 253 dead Pennsylvanians, 32 dead Zouaves and 23 wounded men were captured by the regiment.

Col. Marshall speaks highly of the excellent firing done by the regiment. He says that in his front there were no bullet marks on the trees less than three feet or more than six feet from the ground.

Col. Marshall also states that Capt. J. T. Parks of this city who at that time was his special aide brought in seven prisoners.

Gen. Lee's Sword.

In presenting the souvenir edition of the Union Times to the public the editor says: "Since the day that Grant refused to receive the sword of Lee at Appomattox, and white-winged Peace has rested o'er the Southland, no Southern State has eclipsed ours in material improvement, etc."

Our contemporary evidently believes in the fictitious story about Gen. Lee handing his sword to Gen. Grant at the surrender and that Gen. Grant magnanimously refused to receive it. Nothing of the kind occurred as Gen. Grant himself has testified. On page 494 volume 2 of the Personal Memoirs of Gen. U. S. Grant, Gen. Grant says: "The much talked of surrendering of Lee's sword and my handing it back, this and much more that has been said about it, is a pure romance. The word sword, or side arms, was not mentioned by either of us."—*Abbeville Medium*.

Father.—(Come, young man, get your coat off and come with me! Tommy.—You're not going to lick me, are you dad? "Certainly. Did I tell you this morning that I would settle with you for your bad behavior?" "Yes, but I thought it was only a joke, like when you told the grocer you were going to settle with him."

MAIL TO THE NEW YEAR.

Hail, hail to thee, O virgin year! Not yet a length on thy throne! With the merry year and cheer And joyous voice of dulcet tone! And these, the strings of minstrelsy! For praise is thine, O fruitful king! For thou art pure of wit and sin! Thy prizing hands yet but blossoming bring! To us—and our native land!

The monarch who is laid away Within the catacombs of years Was laid and rotted in his day— We heard of his name and name more We look for blossoms manifold, New year from thy pure womb! We trust thy heart will no more grow cold To us—and our native land!

Bring hailing to the hearts now warm From wounds the cruel old year made The vest of peacefulness draw o'er The robe of peace, how manifold! We cannot lose a tyrant king! Our hearts refuse to loyal lie To one who takes delight in lying Upon our hearts he may not lie!

Be kind to us, that we may say When comes the time for thee to go! What was lost by what thou gavest us! Because we all have loved you so!—*Least Housekeeping*

Very well, my little friends, you must win them. "We must! How?" "By taking them by storm!" "How so?" "The thing is very simple. You see that candy store there at the corner of the street?" "Yes, marshal."

"Very well. Take it by storm, and when you capture it, you are at liberty to sack it. Everything the candy store will be yours."

The youngsters were delighted. In about one hour picked up the store and sent volleys after volleys at the windows. For a moment nothing could be heard but the sound of the broken glass. On bounded the proprietor with a big stick in his hand. He was about to charge upon the young vandals when he noticed that Castellan had choked with laughter, endeavoring to order a second bombardment. The incident immediately became clear to the youngsters' mind, and he, too, burst out laughing.

How it began was made, the little ones rushed into the shop, opening the door simply to avoid the necessity of passing through the windows. Then they made a furious attack upon the candies and cleared out almost the entire stock.

When that expedition was over, the marshal ordered a second one against a cakshop. The little army, commanded by Li Hung Chang, had secured the recompense for which was the absorption of an immense number of cakes.

The two battles and the damages cost the millionaire marshal nearly 100,000 francs. That was his contribution in the form of New Year's gifts for the youngsters.

On the following year he had another adventure. This time the military governor, in the course of an evening walk, stopped by chance in front of an antiquary's store, where there were some curious old things displayed in the window. Among some objects of a rare value was a little ragged doll, well worn and evidently of the cheapest kind, just about good enough for a junk-shop.

How it got there among the objects of the antiquary was the thing that puzzled the marshal. Just then a little girl came in in a hurry, carrying a loaf of bread under her arm. Shivering in the cold January wind, she drew over her thin shoulders a little faded shawl. While her dress, worn and light, clung to her, she cast a quick eye at the doll. The little one opened the door, and without uttering a word to the shopkeeper: "Mr. Antoine, did anybody make an offer for my doll?"

"Five cents was all that I was offered for it," replied a bovine voice.

"That's not enough," said the little one. Then she closed the door and, with a sigh, continued her journey. The marshal followed her closely, but she went by the entrance he entered the store, tumbled down the stairs and landed in the street. When she came to the garret landing, the child opened a door and disappeared. The marshal stealthily crept up and listened at the door.

"You were very long, Marie, and the little ones are dreadfully hungry," said the mother, who was waiting below.

"The baker refused to give us any more credit, and I had to talk to him," replied the little girl. "But anyway, here is the money. Let me eat it for the children."

The marshal did not need to hear any more. He understood the case thoroughly. He went to the baker and paid the debt, and, pointing to the old doll, asked:

"How much for this doll?"

"Anything you wish, sir," said the dealer.

"Well, let us say 100 francs!" "You are joking, are you not?" "Not at all! Here's the money!" "Oh, my dear sir, if you only knew the good that you are about to do!" "To whom?"

"The little girl in the neighborhood, the eldest of a numerous family in desperate straits. The father is at present in the hospital. They are unfortunate people, but very honest. I can assure you. The little girl told me to find a purchaser for that old doll. She fancied, poor thing, that she would get 10 cents for it. I never thought I could sell it!"

"I said 100 francs, and I have just finished counting out the amount, and here it is!" And the marshal placed 200 franc pieces on the table in front of the shop. The dealer wrapped the doll in a paper and presented it to him, with many thanks and a bunch of tears in the margin of his family.

Without paying much attention to him, Castellan left the shop and returned to the old house with the intention of leaving the doll to the mother of the little Marie. But the latter, whose impatience had been sharpened by want, had already returned to the dealer. What was her joy when she found the good luck that had come to her! She received the money and came back to the house as fast as she could run. She accumulated the money's worth of haste that she overtook the marshal at the door of the garret.

When it was over, she cried just as she found out in the act of placing the little package at the door of the humble lodging, and in an outburst of gratitude the little thing threw her arms around the neck of her protector and kissed him.

When the good-hearted Castellan afterward told this little story, he added: "Never in my life did I get a kiss that went to my heart like that."

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It is rumored that the Rev. J. A. Sligh will make the race for governor against Ellerbe. The latter will distance all competitors, even including the Hon. George Tillman.

We congratulate *The State* on moving into its new and beautiful quarters. This is an indication of the prosperity of our brilliant contemporary. It is a credit to Columbia and the State.

A Tempest in a Tea Pot.

All of the smallpox patients in Greenville are recovering. Nearly all of them are well enough to be up and about the house. It is the genuine smallpox, it is certainly a very mild form of the disease. It may be chicken pox after all.

Long Distance 'Phones.

The long distance telephone is injuring railroad passenger business. This is evident from the young late remark of S. R. Galloway, president of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway:

"For some time railroad men have been trying to find the reason why, in spite of the fact that business is increasing, especially in the transportation of freight, the passenger business is languishing. After figuring on the matter for some time, we have come to the conclusion that the long distance telephone is responsible. Business men are using it more and more, and the way it is cutting into our passenger business is a very serious matter to us."

MARGINALIA.

Men's thoughts are much according to their inclination, their discourse and speeches according to their learning and infused opinions.—Bacon.

This thought is susceptible of enlargement. Not only are the thoughts of a man shaped by his inclination, but these thoughts in turn shape his words. It is next to impossible for a man to hide his thoughts, if he permits himself to speak. Our thoughts are impetuous, and are continually demanding expression.

Men may lay claim to whatever purity and refinement they choose, but unless their daily conversation be pure and refined, none but the foolish will be deceived. Evil thoughts can no more give off pure expression than putrid flesh can give off sweet odors. A foul mouth must do duty for a corrupt mind.

One's moral fibre is as easily poisoned by listening to foul words, as is the physical by coming into close contact with physical poisons. Does the average parents stop to think of the fearful consequences that almost always follow obscene conversation? Does he realize the dangers to which vile language subjects a young boy or girl? If so, would he not take his child off the street.

Since so much depends upon our learning and infused opinions, it becomes very important at those feet we learn and what opinions we hold. The sweetness and usefulness of a life time are often destroyed by laying hold of erroneous opinions. Learning with no limitation placed upon the term is by no means always desirable. Many a man's life has been made miserable by the character of his learning.

Chester Rejoices.

We rejoice with Rock Hill, in that it is now entirely free from all danger of smallpox, and that refugees have all returned. "May our neighboring town never pass through another such trying ordeal as it has lately done. Chester deeply sympathized with Rock Hill in its late trouble. She was ready and willing to extend a helping hand if the emergency had arisen.

Letter from Abbeville.

Editor LANTERN: Your correspondent

presents part of the holidays in August. It was my second visit to that city and I was pleased with it. It has beautiful stores and a large number of handsome residences. I doubt if there is a prettier street in the South than Broad. On Sunday I attended the first Presbyterian church and heard an excellent sermon from Dr. J. T. Plunkett. He is a good speaker and uses excellent language. The sermon on this occasion was evidently prepared with great care. On Sunday night I attended a song service in the same church and heard some fine singing. They have one of the most magnificent organs in the South.

On Monday I had the pleasure of meeting Hon. Pat Walsh, the new mayor. I was well pleased with him. He is popular in Augusta and is noted for his warm, generous heart. He is a writer of ability and is the editor and proprietor of the *Chronicle*, one of the leading papers of Georgia.

In the *Chronicle* office I had the good fortune to meet Mr. J. R. Randall, the accomplished Washington correspondent of the *Chronicle*. I have read his letters in that paper with great pleasure. Mr. Randall is an interesting talker, has pleasant manners and makes friends wherever he goes. When I met him he was engaged in editorial work temporarily in the *Chronicle* office. He told me he was doing so partly to keep from being idle. He said that it was a good plan in writing to leave off the details and get to the main point. He didn't believe the public cared to know how you came by your information, what they wanted was the fact. He said that he took for granted that whatever interested him would interest other people and that if it did not do so, it must be for some fault of his in telling it. He is an affable, pleasant gentleman and does not patronize you in the least.

I was glad to meet Mr. Hook, the active editor of the *Chronicle*. He is an excellent writer and is a gentleman of pleasing address. The people of Augusta are decidedly above the average in courtesy, refinement, intelligence, and education. The tone of society is high and has much to do with the general character and reputation of the city.

WALTER L. MILLER.

Lowryville Letter.

The holiday season has passed off quietly and pleasantly here.

Among the college people home to spend Christmas, we note Miss Hester Titman, from Due West, Miss Annie Lou Abell, from Columbia, and Mr. Arthur Darby, from Clinton. All their numerous friends are glad to have these bright young people home to spend the holidays.

Miss Lilla Riley, of Easley, S. C., has been spending some time in town, guest of her sister, Mrs. A. H. Riley.

Miss Rosa Steele and Mr. Williams, of Yorkville, spent Saturday with Miss Annie Lou Abell.

Miss Mayme Darby is visiting relatives in Chester.

Rev. F. K. Sims is up from Columbia to spend a few days with his relatives.

Misses Collie and Isabel Guy gave a social party at their pleasant home on Monday evening, complimentary to their friend, Mr. Arthur Darby. Quite a number of the young people of the town were present, and it goes without saying that all enjoyed themselves highly.

Mrs. D. G. Anderson gave a delightful tea to a number of young ladies Tuesday afternoon.

Every one fortunate enough to be there, had a delightful time at Miss Annabel Darby's party, given in honor of her friend, Miss Pauline Bishop, on Tuesday evening.

The writer not being present, cannot give a description of the costumes worn on this occasion, but we were informed that many of them were very beautiful. All the young ladies looked their best—sweet and modest—as Lowryville young ladies always look.

Misses Ida and Sue Guy gave an

elegant and sumptuous dining to a number of their young friends on Monday.

Our popular postmaster and merchant, Mr. A. D. Darby, went out in the country to attend a "party of two" Tuesday night. The hour of his return would indicate that he had a good time.

One of the most enjoyable social functions of the season was the dinner given at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Titman, on Monday. Among the guests we noted Maj. and Mrs. Lowry, Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Ligon, Mrs. Riley, Miss Riley, Prof. and Mrs. Sylvanus Erwin. The day was spent in social conversation, enlivened by beautiful piano music by the charming Miss Hester Titman, the accomplished daughter of the genial host and hostess. Dinner was served at two o'clock. It was a magnificent repast, consisting of everything the most fastidious taste could suggest; and was served with boundless grace and hospitality by the charming hostess. The afternoon passed all too swiftly, and when the guests departed it was with the consciousness that one more day of unalloyed pleasure had been added to the too brief list of days that never fade from memory.

With the closing of the year, let us add our best wishes for THE LANTERN'S success in the new year that will soon dawn.

December, 27, 1897.

If Christ Should Come to Chester.

If Christ should come to Chester, or the Night Before Christmas, was the theme of the third in the series of sermons preached at the Baptist church last Sunday night. It was based on Matt. 25:13, "Watch, therefore, for we know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man Cometh." These words are the application of the parable of the ten virgins, said the speaker.

The scenes of the parable were then pictured. The pith of the teaching of the parable was doubtless the importance of being ready for Christ's coming at all times, and that this preparation should be full. Once already has Christ come, but he shall come again in like manner as he ascended into Heaven. When he shall return is unknown. The time is hid in the counsels of God. But his coming shall be sudden, like the lightning flash, like the flood of Noah's day, like the thief in the night. The general opinion is that we are fast nearing the end of all things and the return of the Lord. He may now return at any time. What if he had come on the night before Christmas?

If Christ had come to Chester on the night before Christmas he would have discovered much sin. The preparation for the observance of Christmas on the part of many suggests more of a heathen festival than the commemoration of the Prince of Peace or of the Lord of righteousness. Some one from another planet, were he to come on Christmas eve would conclude that it was a celebration in honor of Bacchus, the god of drunkenness, or of Venus, the goddess of lust. An unusual amount of drunkenness, licentiousness, debauchery, gluttony and greed would have met the gaze of the returning Lord. Also he would have found thoughtlessness as to the real meaning of Christmas, of life, of eternal things and of the Lord himself. But will a man be thoughtless when the ship is sinking, when the house is on fire and when the train on which he is riding is about to collide with another? Will the soul be thoughtless in the act of going down into the deep of destruction, amid the conflagrations that will consume the earth and in the face of colliding worlds upon our Lord's return?

Christ's return will produce consternation among the ungodly and joy in the hearts of the faithful. The consternation of those who would suddenly be caught at Christ's coming was pictured. The reward accruing to the faithful in the realization of all hopes engendered by obedience to the gospel closed the discourse.

Our government has decided not to participate in the scheme looking to the division of China. It will, however, protect the interests of Americans in that country.

Boards.

Wanted a few more and lodging boards. Rates very reasonable.

E. T. ATKINSON, SR.

PROFESSIONAL.

R. B. CALDWELL,

Attorney and Counselor at Law,

Walker Bldg., Chester, S. C.

Prompt and careful attention given to all business. Will practice in this and adjoining counties.

J. B. ATKINSON,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

CHESTER, S. C.

(Office over DeVega Drug Store)

Prompt and careful attention to all business entrusted to me. Collections a specialty.

PRYOR & MCKEE,

DRUGGISTS.

Prescriptions a Specialty.

Teachers and Others

Having official business with me will please take notice that my office days are Mondays and Saturdays.

W. D. KNOX,

County Superintendent of Education.

THEO. L. SHIVER,

POPULAR BARBER.

NEXT DOOR TO FAIRVIEW HOTEL.

J. W. CROCKETT,

BARBER AND HAIRDRESSER.

Next door to Stahl's Jewelry Store.

NOTICE!

What is it? Why, it's a big rush to get to the KIMBAL HOUSE. Where is the Kimbal House? Down on Gadsden Street. What house is it? Why, at that noble—

Big 4 Restaurant

where meals and hot lunches are served from morning until night. The bill of fare ranges between the two dining rooms all the time. FRESH FISH and OYSTERS daily, and served on short notice. Fancy Groceries and Confectioneries. We also keep ICE on hands all the winter. Your humble servants,

JOHNSON & CO.

PHONE 73. 7634

Below COST!

We have a selection of very ARTISTIC PICTURES, consisting of "Yards," facsimile Water Colors, Etchings, Artotypes, etc., which we will sell—

Below Actual Cost,

to close them out.

NOTHING NICER than a Nice Picture for a Christmas remembrance.

CHILDS & EDWARDS.

Dec. 7, '97.

Do You Chew?

Try Fischel's Tobacco.

Do You Smoke?

Try Fischel's Cigars.

Do You Eat?

Try Fischel's Fancy Groceries.

Have You a Girl?

Bait her with Fischel's

Fancy Candies.

Have You a Beau?

Decoy him into Fischel's.

S. M. Jones & Co.

BIG SALE!

Great Reduction! 30 Days Only!

WE MUST MOVE OUR IMMENSE STOCK OF

Dress Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes,

Hats, Carpets, Matting, Blankets, Groceries, Etc.

We offer this \$50,000 Stock positively at a reduction of 15 to 25 per cent.

We Offer Special Reduction in Dress Goods.

25 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$7.00, now \$5.00
25 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$6.00, now \$4.00
25 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$5.00, now \$3.50
50 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$4.00, now \$3.00

Come before this beautiful line is closed out. They are going fast and can't be duplicated.

20 pieces Ladies' Broad Cloth, in all shades, former price 75c, now 65c. See our line of Silk Velvets, largest line in the City.

5 pieces, in all the shades, prices 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.
25 pieces black, prices 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.
100 pieces all-Wool Dress Goods, 36 inches wide, in all shades, now going at 25 cts.

100 pieces Dress Goods, 36 inches wide, in all the newest shades, now going at 20 cts.

200 pieces Dress Goods, double width, all shades, will be closed out at 12 1/2 cts.

150 pieces Black Cashmeres, Henrietta, Serges, &c. Great bargains ever offered in Chester.

See our line of all-Wool Serge at 25 and 50 cts.
25 Black Henriettas at 25 cts., worth 40 cts.
25 Black Henriettas at 50 cts., worth 75 cts.
Silk Warps Henriettas at \$1 and \$1.50.

FLANNEL AND BLANKET DEPARTMENT.

25 pieces all-Wool Red Twill Flannel at 12 1/2 cts., worth 20 cts.
25 pieces all-Wool Medicated Flannel at 15 cts., worth 25 cts.
50 pieces all-Wool Medicated Flannel at 20 to 35 cts.

25 pieces White Flannel and Towel at 12 1/2 to 50 cts.
See our line of Blankets. Must be sold. 500 pairs from 75 cts. to \$1.00.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

5 bales Checked Homespun at 3 cts.
10 bales Checked Homespun at 4 cts.
10 bales 4-4 Unbleached Sheetings at 4 cts., worth 5 cts.
10 bales 4-4 Unbleached Sheetings at 5 cts., worth 6 1/2 cts.

You will never have this opportunity again to buy Domestics at the above prices. These prices are lower than 4 cts. cotton.

JEANS, DICKEY'S KERSEY AND CASSEMERES.

Largest line in the upcountry going at a sacrifice. We offer:

50 pieces at 10 cts., worth 15 cts. 50 pieces at 12 1/2 cts., worth 20 cts.
50 pieces at 15 cts., worth 25 cts. 5 pieces at 20 and 25 cts., worth 40 cts.
See this line of Pants Cloth before buying. You will save big money.

100 pieces of Calico, Fast Colors, 3 cts.
100 pieces of Calico, Fast Colors, 3 cts., selling anywhere at 7 cts.
2 cases Indigo Blues at 5 cts., just received.

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

We are Headquarters in this line. See our line of MISSES' and WOMAN'S SHOES at 75 cts., worth \$1.00.

Our \$1.00 Shoes is the talk of the entire Country. It can't be duplicated no where. Our line of the Celebrated—

"LILLY BRACKET," SELZ SCHWAB and SACH'S SHOES, all guaranteed as represented or money refunded. Each of these lines are well known—need no recommendation.

Our stock of BOOTS and RUBBERS are also complete.

CLOTHING, CLOTHING, CLOTHING!

Great reduction—must be sold at or below Cost. We will positively not carry any Goods over. We therefore commence today and sell SLAUGHTER PRICES.

If you want the best all-Wool suit in the State for \$4.00, we have it. If you want the best BLACK CHEVIOT SUIT at \$3.00, we have it.

50 BOYS' and YOUTH'S SUITS, 4 to 15 years old, at 65c, worth \$1.00
50 BOYS' and YOUTH'S SUITS, at \$1.00 to \$1.50.
See our line from \$1.25 to \$5.00—all to be sold at a reduction of 25 to 40 per cent. at and below cost.

WE OFFER—50 Black and Blue Clay Worsted Suits, Sacks and Cutaways, at \$5.00, worth \$8.00.

See our line of BUSINESS SUITS, \$5.00 to \$10.00, and you will be convinced we are making prices to discount 4 cts. cotton. Such Bargains would not be offered if cotton was selling at 7 cents. COME and buy Clothing and all other Goods on the basis of 5 cts. cotton.

UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT!

Are you in need of anything in this line? See our 20 cts. net-vest, selling everywhere at 25 cts. See our 50 cts. line, 60 per cent. wool, guaranteed, selling elsewhere at 75 cts.

Our \$1.00 Vest is a beauty, former price \$1.50.

LADIES' WRAPS, CAPES, JACKETS, Etc.

100 Capes at \$1, worth \$1.50. 200 Capes and Jackets \$1.25, worth \$2.

150 Capes and Jackets \$1.50, worth \$2.00.

100 Capes and Jackets from \$2.50 to \$10.00.

We are having a big run on Wraps. Just received large assortment of Plush Capes, which will go at the reduction of 25 per cent.

CARPETS, OIL CLOTH, MATTING!

If you wish a Carpet, we are the people to see. We will save you the solid cash. See our line of Rub and Carpet Remnants. 1,000 pieces Carpet Remnants at 20 cts. a piece, 1 to 1 1/2 length.

Our line of HATS and CAPS are also large and subject to your discount. We sell Hats at and below cost. They must go out of the house in order to realize the cash.

Groceries, Hardware, Saddles, Harness, Plows, &c.

If you want \$1.25 worth of Groceries for \$1 come to S. M. JONES & Co. Buy your money's worth a Saddle, Buggy and Harness! If so, call on us, and we will save you money.

We have the stuff. It must be converted into cash. Remember we do not carry over any stock. We do not believe it is business to carry goods from one year to another. Quick sales and small profits if we can, if not quick sales and no profit.

WAGONS! WAGONS!! BUGGIES! BUGGIES!!

Do you wish the best Wagon on earth? If so, buy the celebrated STUDEBAKER. It runs light as a carriage.

We have sold 100 carloads of this season. The people know a good thing when they see it. Don't buy cheap Wagons when you can buy the best make at the same price.

We have just received 100 Bushels of the genuine Little Red May Wheat for Seed.

We also have Rye, Barley and Home-Raised Oats for Seed.

Give us a call, and you will be convinced S. M. JONES & CO. is the store to get the most and the best goods for the least money.

Yours truly,

S. M. JONES & CO.

THE LANTERN.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1897.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Advertisements inserted under this head at ten cents a line.
No advertisements inserted as reading matter.

Notice.—Trespassing on my lands is forbidden. J. D. MEANS.

Mules of high class and low price at W. W. Brice's stables.

You needn't buy any of those fine mules at W. W. Brice's stables, but go and see them.

Blank Receipts.—Printed on good white paper, and bound in books of 100 each, for sale at this office.

Lost.—On Friday afternoon, between the Express office and Brainerd Institute, a lady's gold watch and chain. Case marked "M. M." A reward will be paid for its return to Brainerd Institute. 2t

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Jennie White, of Lewisville, Ga., is visiting in the city.

Miss B. Vista Wood, of Rock Hill, is visiting Miss Mamie Wood.

Mrs. W. H. Hand's mother died near Goldsboro, N. C., Wednesday night.

Mr. R. W. Tinsley, of Union, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. S. W. Pryor.

This is the last day for the payment of city taxes without the penalty.

Persons wishing to register will have an opportunity to do so next Monday.

Mr. J. R. Millen, of Erskine College, is spending the holidays with Mr. J. K. Henry.

Rev. William Lindsay is spending a few days in the city with his parents.

Chester county stands 9th in the State in the length of the terms of the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy, of Richmond, Va., are here on a visit to the family of Mr. James Hemphill.

The South Carolina and Georgia granite company has been formed with Mr. L. D. Childs as manager.

Miss Mary Gray, of Norfolk, Va., is spending the holidays with her friend, Miss Elzie Brandt.

Mrs. W. L. Ferguson, and her little daughter, Mildred, of Wyllies Mill, are visiting relatives in our city this week.

Mr. L. E. Sigmon, of this county, sent to our office a cluster of apples pulled on Tuesday, the 28th of this month.

Miss Elzie Brandt, who is attending school at Norfolk, Va., came home on last Friday to spend the holidays.

Mr. J. E. Ardrey, of Salisbury, N. C., is spending a few days in the city, the guest of Mr. Harper Woods.

Miss Lizzie Alexander and Miss Bagley, teachers in the Williamson female college, are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. D. P. Crosby, who was recently operated on by Dr. S. M. Davaga for appendicitis, is slowly improving.

A grocery and confectionery store will soon be opened at Jos. Walker's old stand. Mr. C. Warren will be the proprietor.

Mr. W. W. Coogler will soon move into the store room once occupied by the late R. C. Stewart. He will sell groceries and confections.

Miss Bertha Stahn gave an entertainment Wednesday evening in honor of her many friends. It was a great success.

Mr. James Chambers, of York county, and Mrs. Laura McArthur, of our city, were married on Wednesday by the Rev. J. S. Moffatt.

To-morrow is another anniversary of Emancipation Day. Our colored friends will celebrate the day by a procession and addresses.

Mr. J. B. Morrison, of Blackstock, is in the city.

Mr. Jas. H. Craig, of Blackstock, is "turning express" on the C. & N. W.

Miss Leuse, of New Orleans, who has been visiting Miss Bertha Stahn, returned home yesterday.

Mr. J. T. Bigham's friends, whose names are listed, are glad to hear of his improvement. They hope to see him very soon in his office.

Prof. Hand went to Columbia on Wednesday to the State Teachers' Association. The next meeting of this association will be held at Harris' Spring in July.

Mrs. Julia Campbell will give a sociable this evening in honor of Miss Miller, of Charleston. The young people are indulging in bright anticipations of a good time.

Married, at the Baptist parsonage, by Rev. H. C. Buchholz, Dec. 29, 1897, Mr. R. L. Straight, of Gölthrieville, and Miss Lula Kennedy, of Chester.

Miss Kate Gaston, of Montgomery, Ala., who has been visiting relatives here, left this morning accompanied by Miss Kate Gaston, of this city, for her home.

The action of Governor Ellerbe in appointing a negro constable to assist in the enforcement of the dispensary law has occasioned considerable indignation in Columbia.

Mr. Robert Orr, of this county, and Miss Mittie Hunnicutt, of Anderson, S. C., were married on Wednesday, December 15th, at Anderson, Rev. Dr. Manly officiating.

Every section of our county will doubtless be well represented at the farmers' meeting on next Monday. They are aware of the fact that something must be done to improve their financial condition.

Miss Bessie Miller, aged 15 years and daughter of Mr. R. G. Miller, of the vicinity of Blackstock, died Wednesday and was buried yesterday. She fell a victim to that dreaded disease—consumption.

Rev. W. B. Allison, son of the late Col. W. B. Allison, of Tirazib, died in Charleston last Friday while undergoing a surgical operation. He was recently licensed to preach by Bethel Presbytery.

Mr. George Gill, of Richburg, was in town yesterday. Though having passed his three score years and ten, he is still able to cut the pigeon wing. He performs this dance on every Christmas day for the pleasure of his friends.

Misses Mamie Brice and Bertha Brice, daughters of ex-Senator Tom Brice, were married yesterday at the same time at their father's home, near Woodward. After the matrimonial knots had been tied, the two couples departed on their bridal tours, one going north and the other south. One of the sisters married Dr. Mitchell and the other Mr. Garris.

Fire.

Mr. Fowler, who recently moved to the Brice house, near Wellridge, met with a great misfortune last Monday night. His barn filled with roughness, was destroyed by fire. It is thought to be the work of an incendiary. There was no insurance on the property destroyed.

Walker-Gaston Camp.

A meeting of the Walker-Gaston Camp U. C. V. was held in the courthouse on Thursday afternoon. A considerable number of the members of the camp were present, Col. J. R. Culp in the chair.

There were several accessions to the Camp.

J. W. Reid offered to present to the Camp a flag of his own design. The offer was accepted.

The following notice was adopted: The annual meeting of the Walker-Gaston camp will be held in the courthouse on 1st Monday in January, 1898. All the members are expected to be present, and the ladies are earnestly requested to attend. By order of the Camp.

G. WILLIAMS, Adjutant.

A Beautiful Church.

Our friends of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church will hold service in their new and beautiful church on Sunday week. The dedication services will take place in February.

Married.

Yesterday at 1 o'clock, at McConnellville, by the Rev. J. G. Hall, Mr. John Jones and Miss Janie McConnell were united in the bonds of holy matrimony.

Dr. and Mrs. McConnell, and Mr. T. H. Leitner, of our city were present at the wedding.

Committed to Jail.

A few weeks ago in the vicinity of Lowryville Doc. Shannon, colored, was killed. Ed. Kennon and Thomas Castles, both colored, were charged with the killing. At the preliminary examination held before Magistrate Williams on Wednesday the former was committed to jail to await trial at the next term of the circuit court in March, and the latter was discharged.

The Ever Ready Pistol.

Last night at a cake walk on Maj. J. W. Wilkes' plantation two negroes, Bob Chalk and Bee Sanders, by way of variety engaged in a fight. The ever ready pistol got in its work as usual. Sanders was dangerously wounded, one ball penetrating his right lung and another his leg.

Dr. J. M. Brice, being sent for, arrived in due time, and succeeded in extracting the ball from his leg, but could not locate the ball in his lung.

Baptist Church next Sunday.

The morning service next Sunday, at the Baptist church, will consist of the annual roll call, reports from the different departments of church work will be read and the pastor will make the annual address. At this service every member is expected to be present and answer to his name, or send a note. At night the fourth in the series of sermons on Chester at night will be preached; theme, "The Twelve Stroke of the Clock, or a Death at Midnight."

K. of P. Officers.

At a meeting of the Knights of Pythias the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

J. W. Means, C. C.; J. A. Hafner, V. G.; J. F. Honeycutt, P.; J. N. Cross, K. of R. and S.; J. A. Walker, M. of Ex.; J. B. Wise, M. of F.; S. A. Hood, M. of W. H. S. Heyman, M. of A.; Charles Youngblood, I. G.; J. C. Carpenter, O. G.; Dr. John Brice, Physician; A. M. Aiken, Trustee.

It was a great honor to Mr. J. W. Means to be elected Chancellor Commander, and his many friends take pleasure in congratulating him.

Election of Officers.

At a late meeting of Richburg Lodge, A. F. M., the following officers were elected and installed: James Robertson, W. M.; Dr. J. P. Young, S. W.; Dr. DeK. Wyllie, J. W.; G. C. Gill, Treas.; John A. Thompson, Sec.; J. B. Wyllie, S. D.; R. B. Johnson, J. D.; J. R. Hicklin, Tyler.

After the installation of officers a meeting of the Eastern Star was held with several accessions. Interesting addresses were then delivered by James Robertson and Rev. Hudson.

A splendid supper followed, which was enjoyed to the extreme limit of the capacity of all present.

The great success of the entertainment is due in a great measure to the admirable management of the committee of arrangements: Dr. J. P. Young, Dr. DeK. Wyllie and Mr. J. A. Barber.

In order to avoid the necessity of students travelling on Sunday Prof. Edward P. Moses, Chairman of the faculty, has announced that the exercises will be resumed at Winthrop College on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, instead of the 3rd.

An Elegant Entertainment.

The K. of P. banquet Tuesday evening was an elegant affair. It was simply a grand entertainment never before being surpassed, if equaled, in our city.

It was given in the Chester Railroad Hotel, Gresham & Jamison, proprietors. The nice and delicious things, so nicely and beautifully prepared, are—indeed, indescribable. The enjoyment of them was in proportion to their elegance.

At the end of the splendid supper Mr. Paul Hemphill read the toasts of the evening, which were gracefully responded to by the following speakers:

Rev. D. N. McLaughlin responded to Christmas; Mr. J. L. Glenn to Masonry; Mr. J. H. Marion to Pythianism; Mr. G. W. Gage to Our City; Mr. A. M. Aiken to The Press; Mr. W. A. Barber to The Bar; and Rev. H. C. Buchholz to Woman. All the speakers interspersed their remarks with witty and amusing sayings and jokes, which kept their hearers in a roar of laughter. Hon. J. J. Hemphill being called on, responded in an entertaining and amusing manner. His remarks were in the form of a criticism on the other speeches. Did space permit we would give a synopsis of the different responses to the different toasts.

The ladies presented a charming appearance in their beautiful costumes, and of course the gentlemen enjoyed looking at them as much as they did feasting on the good things.

The following were present at the grand banquet:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hemphill and Mrs. D. Hemphill, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barber and Miss Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Aiken, Mr. E. H. Hardin and Miss Ethel Means, Mr. J. B. Atkinson and Miss Lathan, Mr. Minshall and Miss Stevens, Mr. S. A. Hood and Miss Hood, Mr. Wachtel and the Misses Wachtel, Mr. Pryor and Miss King, Mr. and Mrs. Gage, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. A. Walker and Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carpenter and Miss Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Herth, Mr. and Mrs. Buchholz, Mr. S. Heyman and Miss Heyman, Mr. C. Owen and Miss Davidson, Mr. Martin and Miss Hood, Mr. S. E. McFadden and Miss Kate Gaston, of Montgomery, Ala., Dr. W. S. Gregg and Miss Mary Stevens, Mr. Honeycutt and Miss Carrie Youngblood, Mr. R. Brandt and Miss Mary Gray, of Norfolk, Va., Mr. Robinson and Miss Brandt, Dr. and Mrs. Pryor, Mr. Arthur Smith and Miss Griffith, Dr. and Mrs. Wise, Miss McFadden and Miss Wise, Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton, Mr. Betts and Miss Annie Stevens, Mr. J. H. Marion and Miss Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Melton and Miss Heath, Rev. and Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. J. C. McFadden and Miss Louise McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hafner, Mr. Walker and Miss Melton, Miss Alexander, Mrs. Gresham and Mr. Youngblood, Mr. Pelzer Youngblood, Hon. J. J. Hemphill and Mrs. Janie Stringfellow, Dr. Brice, Dr. Davaga, Messrs. I. N. Cross, J. E. Cornwell, W. H. Hood, F. D. Williams, S. J. Wyllie, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glenn, Mr. T. J. Cunningham and Miss Eunice Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith, Miss Pauline Heyman, Mr. Tinsley and Miss Cornwell, Messrs. J. W. Means, Z. V. Davidson, H. S. Heyman, R. P. Morgan, James Stevens, J. B. Cornwell, W. E. Sledge, B. McLure, W. H. Murr, Earl Colvin, A. L. Gaston, W. H. Brice, M. S. Lewis, and Richard Woods.

The members of the noble order of K. of P., and their invited guests, arrived at their respective homes about one o'clock, highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Items From Fort Lawn.

Mr. J. R. Hindman, of Fort Lawn, went to Orangeburg last Monday to spend the holidays with friends.

Mr. W. D. Fudge, who has been ill for quite a while, is slowly recovering, we are pleased to say.

Miss Blanche Crosby, of Landford, left on last Friday morning for Columbia, where she will reside in the future.

Mr. C. E. Darby is spending a few days at his home in Lowryville.

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Application for Discharge.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Chester County.
Notice is hereby given that on January 12, 1898, I will make application to the Hon. J. S. Wilson, Judge of Probate, for final discharge as administrator of estate of James W. Allen, deceased. This December 12, 1897.
J. ALLEN ROYD, Administrator.

